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## Memorandum

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TO: Dr. David Phillips, Interim Associate Dean, CLASS  
FROM: Dr. Beth Olson, Director, Valenti School of Communication, ext. 3-2881  
DATE: Feb. 22, 2012  
RE: Proposal for change in GPA required to declare a major in Communication

### Background:

At the Feb. 10 CLASS USC meeting a proposal to increase the GPA required to declare a major or minor in communication from 2.0 to 2.25 was approved. However, the changes we proposed in the catalog language inadvertently increased the GPA required for graduation as well. That is not a change we wish to make.

Therefore, we withdrew the earlier proposal before it was considered by the Undergraduate Council's Academic Policies and Procedures Subcommittee.

So, we are now submitting the revised proposal that adds a sentence to the catalog regarding the minimum GPA required to declare a major or minor in Communication. This proposal was approved by our Undergraduate Committee Feb. 22, 2012.

### Action:

Increase the GPA required to declare a major in communication from 2.00 to 2.25.

Thank you.

If approved, the highlighted sentence below would be added to the catalog (language in another section of the existing catalog says students declaring a minor must meet the same requirements as those declaring a major, so the minor does not need to be addressed specifically):

### **General Requirements for the Jack J. Valenti School of Communication**

Students in good academic standing may declare communication as their major and select a concentration at any time. Students interested in the school but uncertain about a concentration may declare themselves Communication Unspecified (COMM-UN) up to completion of 72 hours. Then they must choose a concentration. To declare a major in the Jack J. Valenti School of Communication a student must have a cumulative GPA of at least 2.25.